

# Preface

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**Note:** Mulkiteo Branch of Sno-Isle Regional Library was re-opened in June 1998. Their statistics represent only seven months of service.

## Notes for Tables 1 – 16

- a) Population figures based on the Office of Financial Management document: 1998  
*Population Trends for Washington State*, September 1998.
- b) Percent of change compares figures for 1998 with those for 1997 for net increase and net decrease.
- c) Subtotals are the calculation for each library grouping and the grand total is the calculation for the state.
- d) Libraries with a rate over 1.00 are net lenders; those with a rate of less than 1.00 are net borrowers.
- e) Assessed valuation figures are based on data from the Department of Revenue.
- f) Assessed valuation and local revenues of library districts include contracting and annexed cities.
- g) This is the actual levy rate for library districts.
- h) Does not include LSCA Title II.
- i) This is the calculated levy rate for cities.
- j) Created by dividing the library's total collection expenditure by their circulation.
- k) When "NR" is reported and is involved in a calculation, the population for that library is subtracted before the per capita calculation is made.

NR The library reported No Record.

# Shown in dollars per hour.

\* Contract Towns

A Annexed towns

B Library system headquarters or service center

C Served by bookmobile

D No branch facilities

E Served by physical facility and by bookmobile

See the Glossary for definition of terms.